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For the WAR CRIMES OFFICE

Judge Advocate General's Department -- War Department

United States of America

In the matter of collective * Perpetuation of Testimony of
punishments of Allied prison- * William Mahoney, Staff
ers of war at Camp No. 3, * Sergeant, 6137525
Fukuoka, Japan, between July *
1944 and September 1945. *

Taken at: Headquarters First Service Command
Army Service Forces
808 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Date: 1 March 1946

In the Presence of: Edward T. Howard, Special Agent
Security Intelligence Corps
Headquarters First Service Command

Reporter: Vince A. Creeden, Civilian Employee
Intelligence Division
Headquarters First Service Command

Questions by: Edward T. Howard, Special Agent
Security Intelligence Corps

The witness was duly sworn.

Q State your name, rank, serial number and permanent home
address.

A [William Mahoney, Staff Sergeant, ASN 6137525, 33 Chestnut
Street, Peabody, Massachusetts.]

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- Q When and where were you born?
- A I was born March 5, 1915 in Peabody, Massachusetts.
- Q What does your education consist of?
- A Two years of high school.
- Q What was your occupation before entering the service?
- A Leather worker.
- Q Have you recently returned from overseas?
- A Yes, I returned to the United States 1 November 1945.
- Q Were you a prisoner of war?
- A Yes, I was a prisoner of war of the Japanese.
- Q At what places were you held and state the approximate dates?
- A I was captured in Bataan 9 April 1942. I arrived at Camp O'Donnell 28 April 1942 and I arrived at Cabanatuan 30 November 1942. I was at Nichols Field from January 1943 to March 1943. I then returned to Cabanatuan in March of 1943 and remained there until 1944. From Cabanatuan I went to Camp No. 3, Fukuoka, Japan, and remained there from July 1944 until liberated about 15 September 1945.
- Q Are you familiar with instances of collective punishment of Allied prisoners of war at Camp No. 3, Fukuoka, Japan, between July 1944 and September 1945?
- A. Yes.
- Q Will you state what you know of your own knowledge concerning such incidents?
- A Whenever there was an air raid, the prisoners were forced to go to an air raid shelter which consisted of a bamboo lean-to backed up against a bank. After

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the air raid was over, because one or two prisoners had made some noise, all of the prisoners who were in that air raid shelter were forced to stand at attention for two or three hours and were denied breakfast the following morning. If any of the prisoners were caught smoking during an air raid, they were marched around the camp a couple of times -- the men were all barefooted--and then were made to stand up all night at attention.

Q Were there any beatings of these men?

A If the Japanese caught the man who was smoking, thirty men around him would get it for not making him put it out and for not reporting it to the guard.

Q Who did the beating?

A The Japanese guards; no individual one; they were all out during an air raid.

Q Do you recall any other instances of collective punishment?

A [About July of 1944, Private Lawrence Hill was caught stealing three fish. The morning and noon meal of all prisoners in the camp were taken away. Hill was severely beaten and the men on his detail were also severely beaten.

Q Who did the beating?

A The Japanese guards who brought us in the camp. We had so many guards on a detail that I do not recall which ones did the beating. I was not on Hill's detail but we were all called out to watch while Hill was beaten by a guard whose name I do not know. The Japanese also took away our holiday for punishment. I heard from Hill that he was imprisoned in the guardhouse for two weeks for stealing the fish, during which time he was also beaten three times.

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Q Did he tell you who beat him?

A The supply corporal whose nickname was "The Mad Corporal".

Q Do you recall any other instances of collective punishment?

A An American prisoner of War, Marron (phonetic), nicknamed "Blimp" stole a Japanese shirt. All the prisoners in the barracks that he was in were required to stand up all night and the next morning and then had to go on work detail without breakfast. That night "Blimp" admitted the theft. "Blimp" was then severely beaten by the supply corporal nicknamed "The Mad Corporal". At the same time six other prisoners who were in the barracks close to "Blimp" were also severely beaten for not turning "Blimp" in. "Blimp" was also put in the guardhouse for three weeks, during which time he received just rice and salt and one glass of water a day.

Q What was "Blimp"'s condition as the result of this treatment?

A He got very thin due to malnutrition.

Q Was he beaten during this time?

A Yes, but I do not know how many times.

Q How much of "Blimp's" beatings did you witness and what part did you hear from somebody else?

A Just the one beating I saw. The rest of the time while he was in the guardhouse was hearsay from fellow prisoners who were in the guardhouse with him.

Q Do you recall any other instances of collective punishment?

A No, not offhand.

Q Who was the commanding officer of Camp No. 3, Fukuoka?

A Major Rikotaki (phonetic).

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Q Will you describe or otherwise identify Major Rikotaki (phonetic)?

A Major Rikotaki (phonetic), nicknamed by the prisoners of war "The Nut", was 55 to 60 years old; had very close-cropped black hair; about 5'5" tall; weighed about 160 pounds; stocky build; he strutted when he walked; he wore no glasses.

Q Did he witness or know about these collective punishments?

A Yes. He sanctioned them. He was always present at the collective punishments. I saw him there. It was the individual punishments that I don't know whether he sanctioned or not.

Q Was any protest made as the result of these collective punishments?

A Sometimes they were and sometimes they weren't. On the fish incident they couldn't protest. There was no reason to protest particularly. In the other cases, Mr. Hussey, Chief Pharmacist Mate, our camp interpreter, made the protests.

Q What was the result of the protests?

A Nothing was ever done about them.

Q Do you have anything else you wish to state about these collective punishments?

A No.

/s/ William C. Mahoney
William Mahoney, S Sgt, USA

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts)
County of Suffolk) SS

I, William Mahoney, of lawful age, being duly sworn on oath, state that I have read the foregoing transcription of my interrogation and all answers contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ William C. Mahoney
William Mahoney, S Sgt, USA.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of March 1946.

/s/ John P. McManara
(Notary-Public)
Summary Court
JOHN P. McMANARA
Major, C.W.P.

My commission expires:

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Edward T. Howard, Special Agent, Security Intelligence Corps, certify that William Mahoney, Staff Sergeant, ASN 6137525, personally appeared before me on 1 March 1946 and testified concerning war crimes; and that the foregoing is an accurate transcription of the answers given by him to the several questions set forth.

Place: Boston, Mass.

/s/ Edward T. Howard

Date: 12 March 1946

Special Agent, SIC

First Service Command

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/s/ Edwin F. Sware
EDWIN F. SWARE
1st Lt., Inf.

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カトリック 第二 軍曹 陸軍 認識 東京 番號
六三三三五號。マサチューセッツ州、ロバート市、ケネディ街 三
番地。

問 君ハ停虜デシカ。

答 バイ、私ハ日本人、停虜デシカ。私ハ日本福岡県三停
虜收容所ニ行キシ。ソレヲ、一九四四/昭和十九年/五月
一九四五年/昭和二十年/九月十五日頃 放免セラレシ、
其處ニ居シタ。

空襲ナル時、何時デモ停虜達ハ二手ニ竹、是掛
ク屋根デ造ッタアック空襲避難所ニ強制的ニ行
クネバナリシモノデシタ。一人カ、二人、皆妻ガ緊イダト
云フ、テ空襲ガ終ッタラス、其避難所ニ居タ停虜
ハ全部ニ時向カ、三時向、強制シテ退去セシメシタ
ニ、其、翌朝ハ朝食ヲ禁セラルシモノデシタ。而シテ空襲中
ニ停虜中誰カ喫煙シタ事見ケタ場合、
彼等ハ——全部 跳下、テ收容所、周囲
ヲ二回行進セシメ、ソレガ、終ニ安全負直シテ
命セラシタ。

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一九四四年/昭和十九年/五月頃 兵卒ロレンス・ミル
ハ三属 兵ヲ送リ、知リ捕ヘラシタ。收容所ニ
居タ停虜全部、朝食及ビ晝食ハ取ラゲシ

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又、班、俘虜連系に
ドク打ケイカレタリ。

問 誰ガ霞ツタナク。

答 收容所ニ移送連シタ末ク日本番兵連シタ。

問 貴方、其ノ以外ニ共同懲罰ヲ倒リ思ヒ出シテモ。

答 「小型飛行船」ノ中、縛如、兵士俘虜ニ
(音聲)ガ見奉、シヤリ、一放ヲ過シ、シタ。彼ガ居タ兵
士、中、凡テ、俘虜、其、夜中、及、翌朝、直立シテ
居ナケレバ、シヤリ、シタ。ソレヲ朝、晨、抜キテ、作業隊
ノ仕事ニ出、操ケネバ、シヤリ、シタ。其、夜、ハ

「小型飛行船」ハ、窃盗ヲ、自、白シ、シタ。「小型飛行船」
ノ「コデ」氣連ニ、恒、長、ト、縛如ノ、ツイタ、給、女、掛、魚、長
ク、ドク打ケイカレタリ。「小型飛行船」ヲ、引、添、テ
ナ、シ、タ、ト、云、フ、理、由、ヲ、兵、士、ニ、示、シ、テ、「小型飛行船」ニ、近、接
シ、居、タ、他、ノ、人、ノ、俘、虜、モ、亦、同、時、ニ、ドク打ケ
イカレタリ。「小型飛行船」ハ、其、上、ニ、週、回、營、倉
ニ、入、リ、シ、タ、ガ、其、同、假、ハ、一、日、ニ、果、ト、塩、ト、日、ニ
付、シ、テ、一、杯、ノ、水、ヲ、女、ノ、ラ、シ、タ、ニ、過、ギ、セ、シ、タ、

問 了、取、扱、ノ、結果、「小型飛行船」ノ、状態、ハ、如、ク
シ、タ、。

答 假、ハ、栄養、甚、不良、ノ、為、非、常、ニ、瘦、ロ、シ、タ。

問 福岡、ニ、俘、虜、收、容、所、ノ、所、長、ハ、誰、ナ、。

答 リ、コ、タ、キ、(音聲)ノ、位、ニ、シ、タ。

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問 所長ハ之等、又同意罰ヲ目撃スヲ知^ルテ居^ルタカ。

答 ハ、彼ハソレヲ承認^ステ居^ルタカ。彼ハ常ニ共同懲罰、現場ニ出席^スタカ。
私ハソレヲ彼ヲ見^ルタカ。

問 ^{ト等ノ}抗議、結果ハ如何^ナシタカ。

答 ソレヲツイテハ未^ダ知^ラズ、何モ處置^サレセ^ンタカ。
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